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SUBJECT:

REFRIGERATED FOOD STORAGE TRAILERS

This is an update on the Department of Public Health's (DPH) efforts related to the refrigerated food storage trailers (RFSTs) motion offered by Supervisor Antonovich on October 6, 2009.

On October 27, 2009, DPH submitted a request to the California Retail Food Safety Coalition (CRFSC) to raise the topic of RFSTs at a coalition meeting and recommend provisions for such trailers in the State law. The request was assigned to CRFSC, Sub-committee B.

On July 7, 2010, CRFSC sub-committee B members recommended to the CRFSC that the California Retail Food Code (CRFC) be amended to allow local jurisdictions to permit additional storage locations and methods such as RFSTs as determined to be necessary by the local jurisdiction. The CRFSC will consider this recommendation at their next full committee meeting July 14, 2010. If the recommendation is approved, it will be included in the legislative update of the CRFC scheduled for January 2011.

DPH will provide the Board with an update of the CRFSC recommendation by August 15, 2010. In the meantime, if you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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